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SUBJ: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN GREECE

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SUMMARY. ON 1 AUGUST 1975 TURKS CIRCULATED A NOTE TO SYG ADDRESSING THE STATUS AND FUNDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN GREECE IN A MORE MODERATE TONE THAN THAT REPORTED REF A. SINCE PRESENT TURK POSITION COMES VERY CLOSE TO THAT OF MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS, WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NEW TURKISH POSITION WHEN IT IS TABLED FOR DISCUSSION IN THE DPC IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. END SUMMARY.

1. TURKISH POSITION REPORTED REF A AND CONCURRED IN BY REF B WAS DISCUSSED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. LOCAL TURK INTERPRETATION OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS REVEALED TO BE AT VARIANCE WITH THAT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY TURKISH POSITION AND TO BRING IT CLOSER IN LINE WITH THAT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

2. SINCE TURKISH INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REP WAS NOT ABLE TO
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ACCEPT THE MODIFIED LANGUAGE, DR. TUCKER, ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT, FORWARDED MEMO TO LUNS OUTLINING PROPOSED LANGUAGE. LUNS FORWARDED PROPOSAL TO THE TURKISH DELEGATION WITH A COVER NOTE REQUESTING APPROVAL.

3. IN LETTER DATED 1 AUG 75 FROM TURKISH ACTING PERMREP ALP, TURKS HAVE ACCEPTED PROPOSED LANGUAGE OF TUCKER'S MEMO WITH A VERY FEW MODIFICATIONS. TURKISH SUGGESTED GUIDANCE FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF RELATIONS WITH GREECE IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

1. PROJECTS TO BE USED SOLELY BY THE GREEK FORCES:

(A) PROJECTS AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO 28TH AUGUST 1974 WILL CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED UNTIL COMPLETION WITHIN THE AUTHORIZATION LIMITS, IF THEY WERE NEARLY COMPLETED ON 1ST JULY 1975.

(B) GREEK USER PROJECTS OTHER THAN REFERRED TO IN THE PARA (A) ABOVE, WILL NOT BE FUNDED BY NATO DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD COVERED BY THIS GUIDANCE.

(C) NO NEW PROJECTS TO BE USED BY THE GREEK FORCES WILL BE AUTHORIZED DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.

2. PROJECTS OTHER THAN THOSE REFERRED TO IN THE PARA (1) ABOVE.

(A) PROJECTS AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO 28TH AUGUST 1974 WILL CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED UNTIL COMPLETION.

(B) NEW PROJECTS MAY BE AUTHORIZED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IF THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO KEEP OPERATIONALLY EFFECTIVE ALREADY EXISTING MULTINATIONAL OR NATO-WIDE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE BY NATO.

3. THE DPC WILL RECONSIDER AT THE END OF THE 1975 INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL YEAR WHETHER THE FUNDING OF PROJECTS LOCATED IN GREECE WILL BE CONTINUED OR NOT.
END QUOTE.

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4. NOW THAT TURKISH POSITION HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO CONFORM TO THAT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, WE SUGGEST US AGREEMENT. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE FROM BRUSSELS OF NATIONAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THIS EXERCISE, DPC WILL NOT BE DISCUSSING IT BEFORE EARLY SEPTEMBER. STREATOR

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